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THREE CENTS

Conferences Cancelled Account War Condition

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools and head of the organization of the Northfield Summer Conferences, publicly announced to all concerned recently that the 1945 Northfield summer conference season had been cancelled because of the failure of the Office of Defense Transportation to grant approval of travel to these annual gatherings. The conferences, which brought as many as 15,000 people here in prewar summers, were founded in 1880 and include the General, Girls', Missionary, Religious Education, United Presbyterian, and Christian Endeavor conferences as well as the summer school of the Westminster Choir College. Sessions were held on the campuses of both Northfield School for Girls and Mount Hermon School for Boys. The action will be a matter of much regret to the many friends of these various gatherings who journey to Northfield each summer and also to the many summer residents who have homes in the various sections of the community for seasonal occupancy. However, at present, it was impossible to proceed into any program owing to the war conditions.

Telephone Service

Good news for rural families, both farm and non-farm, who do not now have telephone service, is contained in the announcement of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company that it has filed with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities a revised schedule of construction charges effective April 1, 1945, under which the company will build without cost a half mile of line along the public highways for each rural applicant for service. In the past, the limit has been a quarter mile. Actual construction in most cases, of course, will have to wait until after the war when materials—now being manufactured almost exclusively for the armed services—again become available.

Sanford Edson Dies

Sanford James Edson, 63, died at the Franklin County Hospital Thursday, March 29, where he had been removed for treatment for a heart attack after suffering illness for the past five months at his home on the Plains Road. He was born in Quebec, Canada, in 1882 and came to Northfield to reside about 30 years ago. He was a market gardener. Surviving are his wife, Gladys Emily (Bowen) Edson and nine children: Mrs. Ellen Jones of California, Mrs. Eunice Dumbreck of this town, Arthur of South Vernon, Walter of Belmont, Mrs. Blanche Nimmons, Mrs. Gladys Gibson and Leroy and Arnold at home and Pfc. Alden Edson stationed in Germany. There are eight grandchildren. The funeral services were the following Saturday afternoon at Kidders funeral parlor and burial was in Center Cemetery.

The Game Club Elect

At its recent annual meeting held at the Town Hall the local Fish and Game Association elected James E. Dresser as its president for the ensuing year. Raymond Dean was chosen vice-president, Mrs. Helen Stearns, treasurer and Philip Mann, Jr., secretary. There was a large attendance and it was voted to appropriate \$200 to buy trout to place in local brooks; and \$200 to buy pheasants to stock local hunting areas. It was decided to hold the annual banquet sometime during the month of May and a committee will be named to arrange the same.

Get Another Bequest

The Northfield School for Girls will receive a bequest of \$129,532 from the estate of the late Clarion B. Winslow of New York City, according to an appraisal of his estate filed in New York recently. Mr. Winslow was a retired executive of the F. W. Woolworth Co. and died October 26, 1943. He was a resident of White Plains, N. Y. He also bequeathed the Berry Schools of Georgia the sum of \$92,032.

White - Strange

Miss Mary, Elizabeth Strange, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Strange of West Northfield and Leonard Gray White, son of Mr. and Mrs. John White of Jamaica, Vt., were married Saturday afternoon, March 31, at the bride's home by the Rev. George A. Bronson. They were attended by Mrs. Robert R. Strange, Jr., as bridesmaid and by Mr. White, the groom's father. The bride wore a gray street dress with matching accessories. She had attended the local schools and her husband attended school at Jamaica. He has received a medical discharge from the army at Fort Blanding, Fla., where he was in training.

Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stacy of West Northfield were given a surprise party Saturday evening, March 31, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray on Birnam Road in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. They were married March 31, 1920, in Greenfield by Rev. J. B. Whiteman of St. James Episcopal Church and have four children: T-Sgt. Andrew in the army air force; Pfc. Gilbert with the U. S. Marines; Phoebe, a student at the School for Girls, and David at home. A large number of invited guests greeted them at the reception and a program of entertainment was given followed by refreshments. They were given several gifts and tokens of esteem. Mrs. Gray as hostess was assisted by Mrs. Fred I. Bolton, Mrs. Christine Kasandi, Mrs. George Lombard and Mrs. Bernard

Unitarian Women

The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Church held its annual luncheon and business meeting at the church on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. John V. McNeil, president, presided and reports of the year's work which were rendered were gratifying. A committee consisting of Mrs. Harold Bigelow, Mrs. Joseph Morgan and Mrs. S. F. Harriman served the luncheon.

Joseph Langua Dies

Joseph A. Langua, a former B&M railroad employee, who retired about four years ago because of ill health, died Wednesday, March 28, at his home in South Vernon at the age of 51 years. He was the son of Joseph and Margaret Langua and his wife, who survives, was the former Kathleen Dolthin of Holyoke. Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Twyon of Greenfield; Mrs. Nora Greene of West Springfield and Mrs. Mary Mattoon of New London, Conn.; two brothers, Fred Langua of New London and Nelson Langua of Brattleboro. Funeral services were held the following Monday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with a requiem high mass by Rev. Father McCormack and burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery in Brattleboro. Many friends extend their deepest sympathy to his widow in her sorrow.

Town Nurse Activity

The town and school nurse, Miss Natalie Gowen, has submitted her report for the month of March to the Selectmen and it may be of interest to our citizens in getting acquainted with her work. Miss Gowen has made 117 visits, non-contagious 78, in interest of school children 15, pre-school 4, infant 2, pre-natal visits 4, past natal visits 3. Transportation to doctors and hospital 9, social service 9.

Miss Gowen is in her office at the town hall from 4:30 to 5 each afternoon except Saturday and Sunday and will weigh babies and help with any health problems.

An Emblem of Honor

Again we call attention to this emblem of honor which you should know and readily discern when worn on the coat lapel of former service men. It is the badge of honorable discharge from the service of their country and return to civilian life.

Miss Alice Drake has returned from a visit with friends in New Jersey and reopened her home on Pine Street.

Town Topics

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet Wednesday afternoon, April 18, with Mrs. Leon Alexander at the home of her daughter.

The recent cold snap when the thermometer went down to below freezing failed to do any serious damage to budding trees or early planting of vegetables or flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Murray of South Vernon have received a postcard recently from their son, Pvt. Ernest G. Murray, who is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was reported as missing in action last December, but this is the second card they have received from him since then. No detailed information is given.

Services were well attended in our churches on Easter Sunday and flowers were in abundance. Appropriate sermons were delivered by the ministers.

Frank Tie, son of Mrs. Eleanor Webster of this town, who has been with the army air corps in the Philippines and has seen service in New Guinea and the East Indies, and who has been in a hospital in the West, has been transferred to a hospital in New York.

Dr. John Bennett, a lieutenant in the army medical corps, son of Mrs. A. F. Bennett of the Farms, has received an honorable discharge after three and a half years of service. He is returning from North Africa to resume his practice at his home in Carolina where his wife and family are located.

Master Sgt. John J. Hurley, who is with the 15th air force in Italy, has been given the distinguished unit badge, his group being cited for outstanding performance of duty against the enemy.

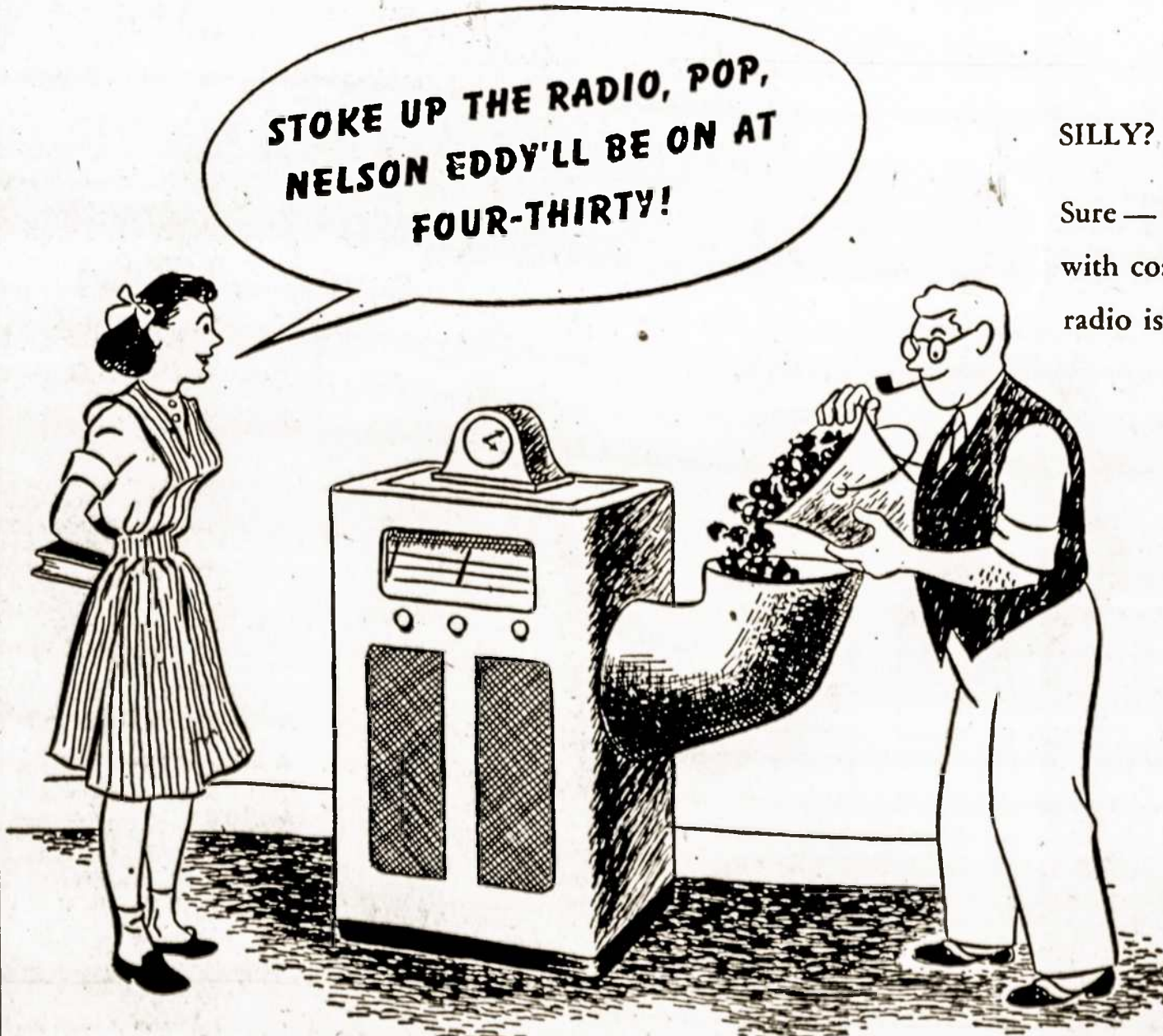
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Town Topics

Mrs. Frank P. Manley and daughter, Eva, of Birnam Road spent the Easter vacation in New York City.

Sunderland has announced its rate as \$28 which is \$2 more than last year.

Miss Mary Bolton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Bolton of West Northfield, who is a student nurse, is now with the Medical Center at Jersey City, N. J.

Quite a little standing timber is cut about town for lumber purposes. Recent cuttings have been pine acreage along Birnam Road belonging to the Northfield schools.

Quite a number of young people from out of town visited the Youth Hostel for a stay during the Easter vacation. It is reported that enrollments are being made every day for the hostel trips this summer.

James Callaghan of the U. S. Navy is enjoying a stay here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Callaghan.

Walter L. Bruce AMM2c of South Vernon has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Edgar Bruce, that he is now stationed on Luzon in the Philippines.

Dr. Robert E. Speer now residing at Lakeville, Conn., was the preacher at Mount Hermon chapel Sunday morning, April 8. Dr. Theodore Cuyler Speers of the Central Presbyterian Church of New York spoke in Sage chapel.

Will buy or rent, a sewing machine in good condition capable of producing good work. Phone 637 giving make and price.

Mrs. Grace C. Cornell expects to reach here from Florida where she has spent the winter next week when she will reopen her home on Winchester Road.

The next regular meeting of Harmony Lodge of Masons will be held on Wednesday evening, April 25. The annual exemplification of the 14th Masonic district will be held at Republican Lodge at Greenfield Saturday, April 21, at 6.30. The next Lodge of Instruction will also be at Greenfield May 15.

At the regular meeting of the Grange held Tuesday evening, April 10, the third and fourth degrees were conferred upon a class of candidates. An inspection and address was given to the lodge by a representative of the State Grange. Master Charles E. Olds presided. Supper was served.

The Ashfield tax rate will be \$30 according to announcement and the Charlemont rate will be \$39, both increases and the highest rates in the county thus far announced.

It is now Lieut. Rolland G. Wood with the army medical corps in Belgium, according to information received by his wife, who with her young daughter is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Martineau at South Vernon.

Town Topics

Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones spent a week in Providence on a visit with their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Walter Jones and family.

S. J. Martineau of South Vernon has sold his farm to Mr. Kendall of Brattleboro. The Martineau family will reside in the village.

Residents and others who desire to burn either grass or brush must secure a permit from the fire chief, Charles L. Johnson.

Gordon Loos, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Loos of Princeton, N. J., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ambert G.

PARAMOUNT

BRATTLEBORO

Sun.-Tues., April 15-17

THE UNSEEN

Joel McCrea Gail Russell

Wed.-Thurs., April 18-19

I ACCUSE MY PARENTS

Mary Beth Hughes
Robert Lowell

Fri.-Sat., April 20-21

ROUGH, TOUGH & READY

Chester Morris

Moody, who graduated from Mount Hermon School at the last commencement, has entered the Great Lakes Naval Training Station as seaman first class in the study of radar.

The "black-out" curtains in the White House at Washington have been removed. Perhaps those used in our homes here can be taken down during the spring house cleaning.

LATCHIS MEMORIAL BRATTLEBORO AUDITORIUM

2:15

6:30

8:30

Fri.-Sat.

April 13-14

SUSPECT

Charles Laughton Ella Raines

Sun.-Wed.

April 15-18

THUNDERHEAD

Roddy McDowall Preston Foster

Thurs.-Sat.

April 19-21

MOLLY & ME

Montey Woolley Gracie Fields

Fri.-Sat.

April 13-14

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

Michael O'Shea Trudy Marshall

Sun.-Mon.

April 15-16

STAR IS BORN

Frederic March Janet Gaynor

Tues.

April 17

SWEET ROSIE O'GRADY

Betty Grable Robert Young

Wed.-Thurs.

April 18-19

SHE GETS HER MAN

Joan Davis Leon Errol

TOWN HALL MOVIES

FRIDAY EVENINGS :—: EIGHT O'CLOCK

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APRIL 27—COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO

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in Rural

New England

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Until the war is won, war telephone needs must come first. But the telephone experience and know-how—now being used in many ways to aid the Armed Services—will be at hand. The necessary equipment and manpower to extend and improve rural telephone service in New England will be put on the job as soon as war conditions permit and our men return from the armed services.

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